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I hereby appoint:

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OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below (if more than ten patent practitioners are to be named, then a customer number must be used):

Name	Registration Number

as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Assignee Name and Address:

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**SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record**

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Name	JOSEPH C. PETTORINO		
Signature		Date	Aug 17, 2004
Title	VICE PRESIDENT	Telephone	919-815-0478

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Whereas I/we the undersigned inventor(s) have invented certain new and useful innovations as set forth in the patent application entitled

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for which I (we) have executed an application for a United States Patent which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2004, and which bears the Application No. 10/801,140.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we the undersigned inventor(s) hereby:

- 1) Agree to sell, assign, transfer, and convey, and hereby do sell, assign, transfer, and convey, to Cormetech Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 5000 International Drive, Durham, North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), the entire right, title, and interest in and to (a) any intellectual property (including without limitation any innovation, information, invention, discovery, product, process, work, copyright, or design) disclosed, embodied, affixed, shown, or claimed in the above-referenced patent application, implicitly or explicitly; (b) the above-referenced patent application, any application based in whole or in part upon the above-referenced patent application, and any application claiming priority to the above-referenced patent application (including without limitation any continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, reexamination, or foreign patent application based in whole or in part on the above-referenced patent application or claiming priority to the above-referenced patent application); and (c) any Patent (including without limitation domestic and foreign patents, utility models, industrial designs, divisionals, reissues, and reexaminations) that is granted or issued upon, or that claims priority to, any and all applications under (b) of this paragraph or that discloses or claims intellectual property under (a) of this paragraph, in whole or in part.
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4) Agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representative, and shall be binding upon the inventor(s), as well as the inventor's heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

5) Warrant and represent that I/we have not entered, and will not enter into, any assignment, contract, or understanding that conflicts with this assignment.

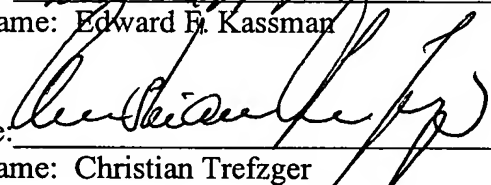
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